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In the Kirtland Temple on 3 April, 1836, following Sunday Services, Joseph Smith recorded:

After this vision (of Elias) had closed, another great and glorious vision burst upon us; for Elijah the prophet, who was taken to heaven without tasting death, stood before us, and said:

Behold, the time has fully come, which was spoken of by the mouth of Malachi—testifying that he (Elijah) should be sent, before the great and dreadful day of the Lord come—to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the children to the fathers, lest the whole earth be smitten with a curse.

There is an element of particular fitness in the fact that the appointed minister, through whom the vicarious service of the living in behalf of the dead has been inaugurated in the current dispensation is none other than Elijah, who was taken from earth without passing through the change we call death, and who therefore held a peculiar and special relationship to both the living and the dead.

True to the commission conferred through Elijah's modern ministry, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints rears Temples to the name and service of the living God, and in those sacred structures carries forward the appointed service for the salvation of the uncounted dead who have passed away in ignorance as to the necessity of compliance with the laws and ordinances of the Gospel, without which compliance no man can have place in the Kingdom of God.

Dr. James E. Talmage.

COVER

Kirtland Temple, Kirtland, Ohio—The first Temple erected to the Lord in the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times.

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AROUND THE WORLD

VISITS to the Scandinavian countries have been completed by L. Garret Myers, superintendent of the records department of the Genealogical Society.

While in Finland he visited the archives in Turku, Vassa, Hameenlinna, and Helsinki. While in the last-named city he was shown the microfilming of the 17th century records as well as the shelves of old record books, some of which are two feet thick. Many rolls of films that have been presented to the Finnish Archives were also seen, and he had an interview with the Minister of Education.

From Scandinavia Elder Myers went to Holland, Germany, Switzerland and England.

A HANDSOME gift representing 30 years of work in compilation has been presented to the Genealogical Society.

The gift is a specially bound and engraved four-volume printed index to the land records of Stamford, Connecticut, U.S.A., just received by the Genealogical Society. In a formal presentation held in Stamford, Elder Lloyd Hughes, micro-film operator of the Genealogical Society, accepted the books from the Town Clerk and other representatives of the city.

For the society these four volumes were especially bound in red and blue Russian cowhide, each bearing in gold letters this inscription:

"Presented in 1950, to the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah. Compliments of the City of Stamford."

The cost of preparing and printing this set of books was \$215.

These valuable indexes will greatly facilitate genealogical research being carried on in that locality.

THE TWO major Quaker units of New York have granted permission to the Genealogical Society to microfilm their registers of births, deaths, marriages,

certificates of removal and related Church records.

Records of a large number of Units of New York and Northern New Jersey are included. A copy of the microfilm will be given to them.

"NEVER HAVE I witnessed more love for the Gospel or a greater unity among any group, than I did among the Czechoslovakian Saints when we left there a few weeks ago," commented Pres. Wallace Toronto, who was happy to be home, but unhappy to have left his mission post under the expulsion orders of the Czech government.

Twenty-nine of the 40 missionaries assigned to labour in the Czech Mission since it was reopened following World War II were expelled.

"The greatest responsibility in this world that God has laid upon us is to seek after our dead."

—Joseph Smith.

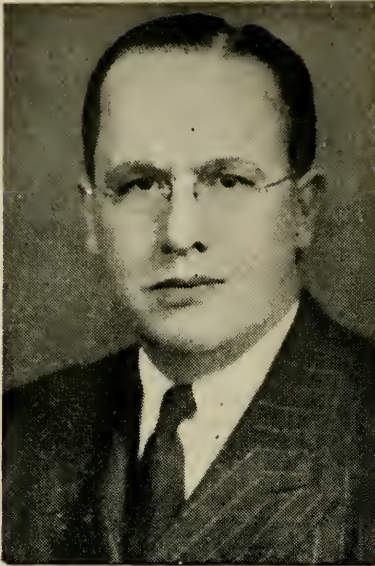
Before leaving Czechoslovakia, President Toronto set apart a missionary presidency of three local leaders whom he termed as "great stalwarts."

When President Toronto left Czechoslovakia there were 250 members in five branches. In addition there were 35 or 40 "lone" members not affiliated with any branch.

During 1949 twice as many converts were baptised as during any previous year. And as many copies of the Book of Mormon were distributed as in any ten previous years.

President Toronto had high praise for the new converts, who, he said, were people of culture, education, and accomplishment. Nearly all of them are in key managerial positions throughout the country.

Tithing of the Czechoslovakian Saints probably leads the Church in per cent. of payment, he said. The mission records indicate that 110 per cent. of tithing was being paid.



Elder Benson

AS people grow older, they seem to accumulate two kinds of moral and spiritual supplies or values. One is a pile of doubts, suspicions, questionings and mysteries; the other usually, a much smaller accumulation of positive conclusions. There is often a great temptation to expatiate upon the doubts and questionings, for negative and critical statements have a seductive appearance of depth and somewhat more a flavour of wisdom than clear and succinct declarations of convictions.

I should like to set down as concisely as I can some of the positive values which have come to us out of the past. Some of these may be considered economic or social, others spiritual. The Lord has said, however, that all things unto Him are spiritual. Truth is eternal and, therefore, of a spiritual nature. A reorientation of life around spiritual verities is our great need.

May I invite you to weigh these values in the light of your hopes, aspirations and plans for the future. For your achievements we are grateful. May you face the future with faith, courage and confidence. I would do anything in my power to help you toward a truly successful and happy

Concerning

By EZRA TAFT BENSON —
of the Council of the Twelve

*From the Baccalaureate Sermon
delivered before the Graduating
class at the Utah Agriculture
College.*

life; but you, individually, are the principal determining factor in these important matters.

May I declare to you in words of soberness, that while you enter a world seemingly filled with change, conflicts, strife and misunderstandings, yet the purposes of God rule in the affairs of men and nations. Lincoln so declared over three quarters of a century ago. Other great men of the earth, ancient and modern, have given similar testimony. Eternal laws exist universally. They are present alike in the spiritual as well as the physical world. These priceless, fundamental principles and values never change. Many of these are set forth in the Decalogue, Christ's Sermon on the Mount and in the revelations of God to his prophets.

It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that men and nations seek prayerfully to know these eternal laws, that they may render obedience to them. When men, in their energetic search for truth, make new discoveries they will always be in harmony with these fundamental and eternal principles. Truth is always consistent, whether it be revealed direct from God to man, through his inspired prophets, or comes from the laboratory through the labour of his children and the influence of the Spirit of the Lord upon them.

Values

It will be well if you ever remember that truth pertaining to man's relationship to Deity, the purpose of earth life and our immortal destiny are of paramount importance to you as you face a doubting world. You will find such an anchor invaluable. You will not live to the fullest without its support. These glorious, unchanging and ultimate truths pertain to our guidance here and eventually to our salvation and exaltation.

Be not ashamed to believe and proclaim that God lives; that he is the Father of our spirits; that Jesus is the Christ, the Redeemer of the world; that the resurrection is a reality; that we live as spirits before mortal birth, and will live again as immortal beings through the eternities to come. Blessed are you if you have a testimony of these things. These great spiritual truths have seen systems come and go, and so it will be in the future. These truths will, if you are wise, take precedence in your lives "over all contrary theories, dogmas, hypotheses or relative-truths from whatever source or by whomsoever" advocated.

Therefore, go forward intelligently and yield simple and loyal obedience to all the laws of the universe, remembering always that there are many phenomena in God's universe which cannot, to our present understanding, be explained. There will be those little minds, who, out of vanity for intellectual display, would attempt to destroy faith in the very foundations of life.

Be assured, however, that no man, worthy of the name, who has been humbled and awed before the inexplainable "wonders of this marvelous universe, will ever scoff at sacred things or try to rob you of your" faith in the unseen. Our inability to explain a thing in terms of our materialism does not disprove its reality.

By yielding obedience to your faith in God and the laws of the universe, both spiritual and physical, there will come a soul-satisfying security which is priceless. You will need this anchor as you face a doubting world.

Advance unafraid! Meet the challenge of a modern world! Paraphrasing the words of one of my associates, I admonish you to change whatever you wish to change within the limits of truth, lofty ideals and eternal principles and we will praise your name through generations unborn. But be careful not to change those things which are eternal, for no satisfactory substitutes will ever be found to take their place. Opinions at variance with time-honoured beliefs, although receiving considerable acceptance, may not always rest on truth. It is the truth that endures.

The ugly heads of coercion, intimidation and force have already been raised. Be ever on your guard that you do not, unwittingly, in the name of tolerance and broad-mindedness, encourage foreign isms and unsound theories which strike at the very root of all we hold dear, including our faith in God.

May your hearts respond to the stirring warning of Lincoln as he speaks of our duty to God in these words:

"It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the over-ruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow . . . and to recognize the sublime truth that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

God bless you and keep you. Be true to every principle, standard and ideal of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The eyes of your parents, brothers, sisters and other loved ones, your community and the world are upon you. Only in one way can you pay the debt you owe to those who proudly watch you. You must be what you profess to be, worthy descendants of noble progenitors who have vouchsafed to you a glorious heritage. Can you live worthy of your heritage and of meeting them in those eternal worlds? It is up to you. God grant you may not fail I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Ancestral Data Gathered Over 100 Years

By Harold Lundstom
Church Section, June 5, 1949

"The greatest responsibility in this world that God has laid upon us is to seek after our dead." So solemnly declared the Prophet Joseph Smith more than a century ago. And by direct commandment of the Lord, the Church has been instructed that family records prepared from temple ordinance work must be "true," "complete," "acceptable," and "in order."

To discharge this responsibility, members of the Church have been gathering genealogical data concerning their families and ancestry during these past ten decades. The methods of gathering and recording such information have gone through many changes and stages of development, and in the course of the century greater efficiency and accuracy have been attained. With it a new scientific method has been born.

With this new science also an institution has been founded, the Church Genealogical Society. Through this organization many experiences and discoveries have been accumulated which in turn have been applied for the betterment and advancement in this divine programme of vicarious salvation for our dead.

Genealogist, be they skilled or neophyte, from around the Church gather daily in the quiet and cloistered rooms of the Genealogical Society to hunt and prove name by name their rightful ancestry. More than 25,000 patrons a year spend time in the library alone with its collection of 38,000 books.

Unsurpassed in the world are the microfilm records gathered by the Church to help in your research. To date, in all the theatres where microfilmists are labouring, a total of 2,248,400 feet, or 426 miles of film

has been taken. This represents the staggering total of approximately 28,205,000 pages of documentary and original records containing genealogical information for but one purpose, the salvation of your dead. At the present time 2,000,000 pages are being added to the microfilm library every month.

Should you visit or write to the Genealogical Society seeking aid, one of 200 trained and efficient workers will willingly drop everything else to help you, to be of service to you so that you might be successful in gathering an accurate record for presentation to the temple for ordinance work. Also ready to help you are the thousand stake board genealogical officers and 25,000 ward and branch genealogists called to this work.

Organised in 1894, the Genealogical Society has in its 55 years existence become one of the Foremost genealogical depositories in the land with the single objective of helping you do your genealogical and temple work.

CONCERNING MICROFILMING

With the employment of a total of twenty or more operators in the field, each operator using approximately 80 reels of film with a 100 feet each, it means that the Genealogical Society will be receiving a total of 160,000 feet of exposed film each month. Since there is an average of about twelve to fourteen pages of record material on each foot of film, the total number of pages of genealogical data would amount to about 2,000,000 pages per month. These figures are staggering, and form evidence of the divinity of the great amount of temple work revealed in these latter days.

Genealogical Handbook.

“And wo unto all Those who come not Unto this priesthood”

“One may ask, how important is it that male members of the Church should receive the priesthood; and how serious for them to not do so? The Lord answers this question on this wise:

And wo unto all those who come not unto this priesthood. (D. & C. 84:42)

“As Latter-day Saints, the goal of our existence and purpose in life is to obtain an exaltation in the kingdom and presence of the Father and the Son; and a man may not attain to that glory without receiving the Melchizedek Priesthood. This being true, the importance of receiving the Melchizedek Priesthood by the men of the Church is as important as is salvation itself.”

So George F. Richards, a prophet of God, has declared unto the world today.

The Priesthood of God is the governing tool of our Creator. Through it His will is promulgated to the world. Without it His church cannot exist. Without it we cannot gain eternal salvation.

For the church to be strong in South Africa; for it to grow and prosper among the inhabitants of this country, it must have this ruling influence to guide it and lead it. It **MUST** have it, and have it, **STRONG**.

It is an unfortunate situation that one's genealogy must be traced out of the country before a worthy person can hold the

Priesthood of God. But that is the way that it has been decreed by revelation through the Prophets that have been called to direct the Kingdom of God on earth. Therefore it is the individual responsibility of every male member of the Church to fill those requirements which will enable him to be worthy to hold and to exercise this Priesthood which has been restored to enable man to gain complete salvation in the kingdom of God.

The time may come when the Elders will be recalled just as they have been in the past. Then the members of the Church will be left to themselves for leadership, and unless they possess the Priesthood and exercise that Priesthood righteously the Church will not prosper here, just as it won't prosper in many of the other countries where mankind will “come not unto this Priesthood.”

So tracing our genealogies has a two-fold purpose in the South African. First: To redeem our dead, who are waiting to have the opportunity of accepting the Gospel. Second: To enable us to receive the Holy Priesthood of God which is the **ONLY** power through which God will delegate authority for the governing of his children and the leading of his children back into his presence—into exaltation.

—W.D.B.

A certain Johannes Frederik Davel lived in South Africa. Who was he? Was he married? What are the names of his parents? You might be a descendant of that man, but what information have you to probe him out. The search is on!

Johannes was a father; he had a baby daughter by the name of Susanna Elizabeth Hendrika, born 16th September, 1845, in the Cape Province. Perhaps Johannes wasn't a possessor of much property, or maybe he didn't want to bother with a will, because he didn't have a death notice. The death notice would have given us the names of his parents, place of birth, date of death, age at death, name of wife, perhaps, and names of his children.

We start this circling manhunt by climbing the steps of the Huguenot Building in Cape Town to page through the copies of the christening records of the Dutch Reformed Church. We are depressed since the Cape Province is such a big place, and we do not know which of the congregation records we should look through first. De Villiers compiled an invaluable set of books, giving names and facts about the families of the Cape, and he informs us that this particular family settled in Stellenbosch and Swellendam. There is our first clue as to finding the christening record — look through the records of the Stellenbosch and Swellendam congregations. Still no success! After a streak of inspiration we lay upon the page with the name of Susanna Elizabeth Hendrika Davel, Johannes' daughter—the congregation, Caledon. They chose to live between Stellenbosch and Swellendam!

The search for Johannes will necessarily have to proceed to other sources since the christening records of the D.R.C. are filed in their archives only after 1843. So we write a letter flowing with the eloquence of the Afrikaans language to Mnr. Swart, Scriba of the Church in Caledon. His prompt reply was that he could provide us with the marriage record of Johannes, but that his christening record was not recorded at his Church. Feeling that the marriage record will be of some value, we write a sweet letter with the necessary monetary bait. It works, and after seeing the record we know that the honourable Johannes Frederik Davel on the 8th day of

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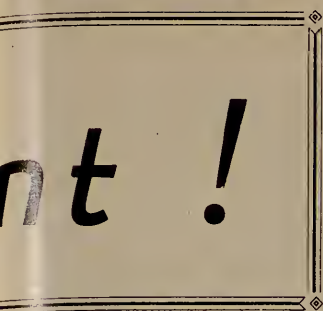
By Elder

March, 1844, married Catharina Maria Susanna Groenewald at Caledon, C.P. Johannes was a major and Catherina a minor when they married.

These are clues that lead to discoveries in this indefatigable manhunt. Correspondence continues to the churches in the immediate geographical proximity of Caledon. Swellendam reports a fruitless search, there is one more chance left — Stellenbosch. This congregation commenced in 1686, according to the Yearbook of the Dutch Reformed Church. Mnr. Lazarus, Scriba, may hold the golden key to the door of discovery. Does he?

The police officers may not be conscious of it, the S.A.P. may not even know that many hundreds of men and women are missing, still South Africa's biggest manhunt is on. It may be a man's search for a horse-thief in the family, or a search for a family inheritance, whatever it might be classified as, it still falls into the category of the "turning of the minds of the children to their fathers".

A short, middle - aged gentleman approached me at the Master's Office in Cape Town with this enquiry: "Why are you getting these old Afrikaans names?" It may have been the twang of my American accent, his interest in his forefathers, or



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just a general interest that made him ask that question. "We are tracing family trees," I responded. "Oh, that's very interesting, I would like to do that work myself," was his encouraging comment. We exchanged ideas and knowledge about genealogy work to some great length. He reluctantly went back to work, soon return with a queering look from one corner of his face to the other. "How do you people trace your genealogies in Germany. Many of the records were destroyed there during the Jewish persecution under Hitler?" I reassured him that all was well, as we still had access to millions of names. Some few weeks later this same kindly person offered the information that a student from the University of Cape Town had been probing into his ancestry with a resultant hexagonal chart of this doubling ancestry through parentage. Peculiar as it is, he felt that his mother was as important to trace royalty as his father. He found the royalty on his mother's side.

Again, I might tell you of a casual remark I made one night to an investigator of Dutch descent. "I do genealogy work; trace the families of South Africa out of the country," I very coveredly said. In fewer minutes that it takes to count I was looking at his own pedigree chart, combined with the coat of arms of the family.

Why are people doing genealogy work? Historically we know that after Elijah committed his keys to the earth in 1936 the children's hearts turned to their fathers as evidenced by the massive amount of genealogy work done after that date.

Let me express my sentiments with the words of Apostle Melvin J. Ballard: "Why is it that sometimes only one of a city or household received the Gospel? It was made known to me that it is because of the righteous dead who had received the Gospel in the spirit world exercising themselves, and in answer to their prayers elders of the Church were sent to the homes of their posterity that the Gospel might be taught to them and through their righteousness they might be privileged to have a descendant in the flesh do the work for their dead kindred. I want to say to you that it is with greater intensity that the hearts of the fathers and mothers in the spirit world are turned to their children that our hearts are turned to them."

Johannes Frederik Davel might be one of those spirits who had embraced the Gospel. How are we to know? Yes, this is the chance we take, yet we understand that the whole human family is to be welded together with Father Adam, "the first man", standing as patriarch over it. The work we are doing pertains to this dispensation of time and it devolves upon us to probe, search and pray until we make that complete welding link. The greatest comfort given to the genealogy worker is to know that he is entitled to inspiration, which comes as a pure flow of intelligence from our Father in Heaven. However, the Lord said, "Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." So long as you are doing your duty new avenues of thought will perpetually open up to you to the extent that a spirit of unrest will settle upon you until you follow the dictates of the Spirit.

Are you of that household mentioned by Elder Ballard? Are you the only member of your family to have the honour and privilege of doing this work for your loved ones? Will YOU do it?

SERVICES HELD IN SOUTH AFRICA

Mowbray Branch,
Cor. Main and Grove Rds.,
Mowbray, Cape.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

Bellville Branch,
"Zerin," Mayville Street.
Kingston Estate, Bellville, C.P.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . . 6.00

Epping Garden Branch,
19, Saldanha Road.
Epping Garden, C.P.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . 6.00

Port Elizabeth Branch,
Town Hall, Room 3.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

East London Branch,
Boy Scout Hall,
Fleet Street.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

Durban Branch,
Park Gate Hall,
558, Smith Street.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

Ramah Branch,
395, Commissioner Street,
Fairview, Johannesburg.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

Springs Branch,
7, Ninth Street,
Sunday School 10.15
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

Pietermaritzburg Branch,
17, Holiday Street.
Sunday School 10.30

Pretoria Branch,
Pretoria Ladies' Club,
Sanlam Building.
Sunday School 10.15
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

Krugersdorp Branch,
Boy Scout Hall,
Cor. Boshoff and
Von Brandis St.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

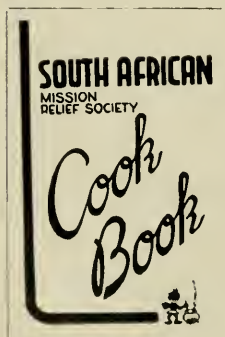
Vereeniging Branch,
49, Heidelberg Road,
Peace Haven, Vereeniging.
Sunday School 10.00
Sacrament Meeting . . 5.00

Bloemfontein Branch,
Boy Scout Hall,
Maitland Street.
Bloemfontein.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.30

RELIEF SOCIETY CORNER

This recipe was sent in by Sister H. Jubber, Fern Creek Farm, Shangani, Southern Rhodesia. It is to be pasted in

the back of your Relief Society Cookery Book which is now obtainable from the Mission Office at 10/6.



TOMATO CHUTNEY

Cecilia H. Jubber

3 lbs. Tomatoes 1 lb. brown sugar
1 lb. Raisins ½ lb. chillies
1 lb. Onions. 2 cups vinegar.
1 lb. dried fruit

Put through mincing machine. Boil gently for four hours then bottle. Very good with curried meats or as a meat sauce.

South African Mission

TWO ELDERS APPOINTED TO WORK WITH GENEALOGY

Elders Shelby Lisonbee and James D. Gardner have been appointed by the Mission Presidency to work full time in the Genealogical department of the Mission. The two Elders have been assigned to work in co-operation with Sister Madge Halse, South African Mission Genealogical Supervisor.

These appointments came about in an attempt to increase the Priesthood holders among the male members of the Church in the mission. It is necessary that the genealogy of those worthy to hold the Priesthood be traced outside of the country.

In the past it has been customary to have one missionary work part-time in this department. And though much was accomplished in aid the members with the tracing of their ancestors, one missionary, working with the genealogical supervisor, was incapable of handling the work necessary to be done.

Much has been done in the past by the genealogical department. They have on file now over 6,000 names with more to be added that have had temple work done for. Also the file of pedigree charts and family group sheets is growing.

FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN GIRL MADE GOLDEN GLEANER

Sister Felicia Fourie, who left for Salt Lake City two years ago, was awarded her Golden Gleaner award recently. This makes the third girl from the South African Mission to receive such an award. The other two were Helen Sharp and Lorraine Bibb.

While residing in the South African Mission, Felicia was very active in church affairs. She was secretary of the Sunday School and a teacher, President of the Gleaner class, Gold and Green ball queen for '47, and was a member of the "Cumorah" Soft Ball Club. She also did missionary work with the girls of the church.

RALPH A. BADGER, FORMER MISSION PRESIDENT, VISITS UNION

Ralph A. Badger, South African Mission President, 1906-8, returned to the African Continent. He arrived in Cape Town on June 14, and after a weeks visit he journeyed by car to the centre of Africa where he hopes to photograph the wild life.

He was much impressed by the change that has come over the city and the cleanliness of it. He said that the Main Road between the city and Wynberg had undergone so many changes that it was completely unrecognizable. However Brother Badger did identify the place which for three long missionary years (1905-8) served as a meeting house and mission home. "Well do I remember scrubbing the floors to have the room fit for holding services." The hall was at 16, Victoria Road.

To Brother Badger goes the distinction of having baptised Brother Thomas Wilson and Brother and Sister Levi Cherrett, mother and father of President Dan Cherrett.

SPRINGS HOLD GOLD AND GREEN BALL

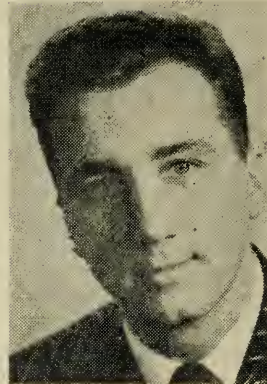
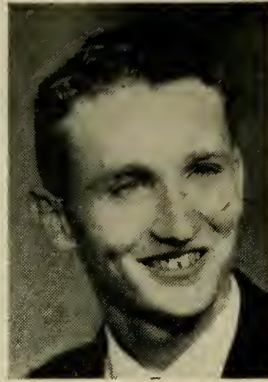
With a stage depicting a Jacaranda Garden, finished off with Palms and ferns, and the hall decorated in excellent fashion, the Springs Branch put on a good dance around the Gold and Green theme. A replica of the Salt Lake temple was the centre-piece.

Members of the church from Ramah, Northwestern, and Pretoria augmented the Springs crowd to make it an enjoyable affair, especially with the refreshments that were supplied with generosity by the Ramah Relief Society and other Sisters.

Sister Mavis Louw and Brother Noel Futter were the winners of the only novelty dance.

The Springs Elders were in charge of the decorations and the Ritz band supplied the music.

Releases



Left to right: Elder Smith, Elder Gardner, Elder Robinson. Second row: Elder Russell and Elder Dalton.

Elders George C. Dalton, Robert W. Gardner, and Burnett J. Smith were released on June 23 and left for home aboard the "Pretoria Castle." Elder Dalton has served twice as the Mission Secretary, the position he held when he was released. He has also laboured in Port Elizabeth, Johannesburg and Pretoria. Elder Gardner, who was Supervising Elder of the Cape District at the time of his release, has laboured in Durban, Pretoria, and Cape Town. Elder Smith has laboured in Port Elizabeth,

Boksburg, Nigel, Johannesburg and East London.

Elders Peter G. Russell and Thomas E. Robinson were released on July 4 in Northern Rhodesia, where they were doing special missionary work. Elder Robinson was serving as Supervisor of Auxiliaries before he left Cape Town for Rhodesia. He has laboured in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban and East London. Elder Russell has laboured in Vereeniging, Pretoria, Durban and Cape Town.

Arrivals

Elders Clifford D. Bush, Rigby, Idaho; Dimar G. Hogan, Midvale, Utah; Harold O. Horne, Kaysville, Utah; and Monroe G. McKay, Huntsville, Utah, arrived in Cape Town aboard the "Warwick Castle" on June 21. Elder Bush was assigned to labour with Elder Provost in Berg-

vliet, C.P. Elder Horne was assigned to labour with Elder Reed in East London. Elder Hogan was assigned to labour with Elder Merrill in Mowbray, Cape, and Elder McKay was assigned to labour with Elder Nelson in Bellville, Cape.

Transfers and Appointments. . .

Name	From	To	Date
Elder Dean W. Martin	Germiston	Pretoria	May 30
Elder Shelby Lisonbee	Springs	Cape Town	June 2
Elder James Moss	East London, C.P.	Sydenham, Jhb.	June 5
Elder W. Loyal Glenn	Pietermaritzburg	East London	June 5
Elder Joseph Wursten	Pretoria	Durban	June 5
Elder Tharin Bigler	Bellville, Cape	Vereeniging	June 7
Elder Mac Reynolds	Bergvliet, Cape	Sydenham, Jhb.	June 7
Elder Glen Hamberlin	Durban North	Springs	June 7
Elder James D. Gardner	Vereeniging	Cape Town	June 7
Elder James Whiting	Johannesburg	Germiston	June 8
Elder Robert Jex	Southern Suburbs, Jhb.	Germiston	June 8
Elder Daniel Sorensen	Germiston	Southern Suburbs, Jhb.	June 8
Elder Donald Cook	Bloemfontein	Parktown North, Jtb.	June 10
Elder Donald Toomey	Florida	East London	June 10
Elder Donald Chambers	Germiston	Port Elizabeth	June 10
Elder Richard Heilbut	East London	Durban	June 11
Elder Dale Johnson	Durban	Orange Grove, Jhb.	June 12
Elder Adam Duncan	Bloemfontein	Pretoria	June 15
Elder Dean Baxter	Port Elizabeth	Florida	June 15
Elder Walter Hoggan	Pietermaritzburg	Bloemfontein	June 18

Elder Robert P. Thorn was transferred from Orange Grove to Cape Town to assume duties as Mission Secretary on June 12.

Elder John A. Taylor was transferred from Parktown North to Cape Town to assume the duties as Supervisor of Auxiliaries on June 16.

Elder Verl O'Brien was transferred from Pretoria to Cape Town to assume the duties of Supervising Elder on June 16.

Elder Gail Weggeland was transferred from Highlands North, Johannesburg, to Bloemfontein where he was appointed District President on June 18.

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BLESSINGS and BIRTHS

21 May.

Gordon Cameron Gilberson, son of Gerald and Audrey Gilberson, was blessed by President Evan P. Wright at "Cumorah."

4 June.

Lou Fran Peter Duncan, son of Louis and France Duncan, was blessed by his father in Durban.

Peterust Johannus Jacobus Lezar, son of Carel and Susarah Lezar, was blessed by N. G. Muir at "Ramah."

A daughter was born to Johannes and Maria Van Staden at Northwestern.

BAPTISMS

10 May. "Cumorah."

Denice Nichols, daughter of Christopher and Phyllis Hubert Nicholls, was baptised by Alwin W. H. Hubert and confirmed by Elder Dell P. Higham.

23 May. East London.

Edna Ivy Krull was baptised by Elder Philip Heilbut and confirmed by President Edgar R. Yarn.

Clarence Erich Krull was baptised by Burnett J. Smith and confirmed by President Edgar R. Yarn.

4 June. Bloemfontein.

Mary Gwyneth Daubney was baptised by Elder Adam Duncan and confirmed by Elder Donald V. Cook.

18 June. Durban

Nelsie de Jager Henning was baptised by Elder N. G. Smith and confirmed by Joseph Melverton Jakins.

Victor Herbert Henning was baptised and confirmed by Elder N. G. Smith.

Helen Stephanson Gordon was baptised and confirmed by Elder N. G. Smith.

Hendrina Johanna Berendina de Jonge Smith was baptised by Elder Robert Patrick and confirmed by Cornelius A. Smith II.

Hilda Nancy Goosen Burden was baptised by Elder Robert Patrick and confirmed by Elder Glen R. Benson.

John Howell Arthur Burden was baptised and confirmed by Elder Robert Patrick.

25 June. "Ramah."

Adelaide Johanna Moller was baptised by Elder Thomas Robinson and confirmed by President Edgar R. Yarn.

Ann Marie Moller was baptised by Elder Thomas Robinson and confirmed by Elder Robert Jex.

Errol Eldton Albert Moller was baptised by Elder Thomas Robinson and confirmed by Elder Gilbert Tobler.

DEATHS

Margarethe Hartmann died in Johannesburg on May 6. Funeral services were held at Ramah.

Cornelia Gertrude Duncan died at Brakpan on May 30. Funeral services were held at Brakpan.

District Highlights . . .

CAPE DISTRICT

District President: Daniel A. Cherrett, 14, Serpentine, Pinelands, Cape Town.

MOWBRAY BRANCH

Branch President: Alvin F. Park, "St. George Villa," Forrest Road, Rondebosch, Cape Town.

Reported by Beatrice E. Smith

Union Day saw the beginning of the month's activities. Brother Terblanche and his scouts spent the day climbing on Devil's Peak. It was declared to be a "Grand outing" by the troop. Members of the MIA had a games meeting in the recreation hall, the weather being too unsettled for picknicking.

We felt especially happy to have President Yarn with us at the baptism of Sisters Zinn and le Roux. At this service the newly tiled font was used for the first time. Later Sisters Zinn and le Roux invited their friends to join them at supper to celebrate this event. These sisters are not newcomers as many of us have had the privilege of meeting for several months.

Brother Swart has been at De Doorns for a holiday. Brother Edwin Jakins and Sister Clarissa Bibb have gone to Grahamstown for their vacation. We also miss Winnie Meyer who is away visiting her parents in George.

Donald Williams is in hospital as the result of an accident on Table Mountain. He is progressing favourably and we hope that he may soon be fully recovered. Alamein Butt was also the victim of an accident. We are pleased to see Sisters Myers back after her illness; and also to welcome Elder Merrill after his stay in hospital. Sister Perrin has also been in hospital where she had to undergo a serious operation.

Sacrament meeting on the evening of June 4 was under the auspices of the Aaronic Priesthood. Brother Bernie Rayner and Brother Hugh Helm spoke. It is good to hear from our younger members on these occasions. At this service we also were privileged to hear from President Yarn.

The Scout Concert on June 6 was a success in the fullest meaning of the word. Dennis Hammond and his orchestra proved a great attraction. We thank them for their services and the Elders who put over so many good turns. It was particularly fine to have the Quartet and the Andrew Sisters back in our midst. Congratulations, Brother Terblanche and may we enjoy many more of the Scouts' efforts.

Sister Roma Escojido spent a week-end at Cumorah. It is good to welcome this brave little lady.

Brother Thomas Wilson's eighty-first birthday was one of joy—for it was the day after Brother Ralph Badger arrived. It was Brother Badger who baptised our "grand old man." We celebrated these events with a social on June 15. Tears and smiles followed each other in the homely words of welcome and arrival. The musical items were rendered by Brothers John Wilson and Sam Rayner. The film of Salt Lake Valley roused ambition in some to visit there one day.

We wish to extend our good wishes to Brother Ralph and Esma van Rooyen who were recently married.

BELLVILLE BRANCH

In Charge: Elder H. David Nelson, 40 Canterbury Road, Bellville, C.P.

Reported by Dorathea Storey

On May 28 Brother Nicholas Goosen was appointed Superintendent for the Branch Sunday School and Brother Noel Storey was named Branch Clerk.

The branch was honoured by the presence of President Wright and President Yarn at the fast and testimony meeting which was held at Brother and Sister Goosen's home on June 3.

The Priesthood held a social on June 16 at Brother and Sister Goosen's home. President and Sister Wright and two of their children, and President and Sister Cherrett were the main guests. Sister B. Smith and Elders Horn, Merrill, Russell, and Hogan were also guests. Brother Leslie Halse was in charge of the games and programme. Brother Goosen was in charge of refreshments. The Sisters provided the eats.

There has also been illness in the Branch. Sister Heila Goosen and Sister Dorothea Storey have been the victims. Also one of the investigators in Bellville, Mrs. B. Amos, has been ill. We pray a speedy recovery for them all.

BLOEMFONTEIN DISTRICT

District President: Elder Gail Weggeland, 5 Clarens Road, Bloemfontein, O.F.S.

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

Branch President: C. B. Spear, P.O. Box 50, Bloemfontein, O.F.S.

Reported by Inez Spear

June 4 was indeed a great day for this Branch, for not only did we gain a new sister, but old friends paid us a much valued visit. Sister Mary Daubney was baptised by Elder Duncan and confirmed by Elder Cook. Sister Utermohlen and her four children came all the way from Kroonstad to witness the ceremony and Sister Greenberg and her daughter, Marcia, came from Ladybrand. We were very pleased to have them with us and we feel sure that they felt amply rewarded for coming all that distance.

President Yarn, accompanied by two missionaries stopped here, on their way to Johannesburg, long enough to attend a cottage meeting held at Sister Daubney's home. Everybody felt greatly strengthened by President Yarn's talk and we are all looking forward to having him with us again.

TRANSVAAL DISTRICT

District President: Norman G. Muir, 119, Kitchener Ave., Bez. Valley, Johannesburg.

RAMAH BRANCH

Branch President: Francis Donly, 94, Somerset Road, Kensington, Johannesburg.

Reported by Mary Millan Stark

You have heard the saying, "You can't keep a good man down," but we have now coined another one, "You can't keep a good woman

down" after we saw Sister Escojido's remarkable recovery from an emergency operation for acute appendicitis in the Kensington Sanatorium.

Under the direction of the Y.W.M.I.A. president a very fine Sunday Evening programme was sponsored this month. The members of the Mutual contributed talks and poems extolling the better life to be gained and enjoyed by all who follow the teachings of the Gospel.

On 2nd June the Sunday School officers increased their funds by holding a dance at Ramah. This was most successful financially, musically, socially and gastronomically!

The Mutual entertained its members by staging a cosmetic demonstration by representatives of J. R. Watkins Company. The ladies were thrilled to see and hear so much wisdom and the men at least were entertained as they watched Model Joyce Yarn being goosed up and done up. The Mutual will soon have another visit from the U.S. Information Library officers. Plans for the Gold and Green Ball are going ahead and it is announced that this event will take place in the Selborne Hall again in September and the Sunday School officers will combine their proposed dance with this one.

The M Men, Gleaner girl class held another debate to decide whether co-operation was beneficial or otherwise. The ladies, Sisters Hope de Vitt and Signe Smith gave the affirmative viewpoint very ably, but by the vote of the audience they lost to the men, Brothers Cecil Ninow and Keith Beswick. This class continues to evince their interest in debating and their refreshingly naive and humorous presentation has earned them a fine reputation.

The Ramah Primary has been re-organised with Sister Francis Macadam as Primary Mother, Sister Mabel Donly as first Counsellor and Sister Evanine Stark as second Counsellor and Pianist. The latter is probably one of the youngest Primary officers in the Union as she is only 15 years old and is still in High School.

The Ramah Relief Society has also been re-organised with Sister Phyllis Lloyd as President, and Sister Ann Ganter as first Counsellor, Sister Reckas, as second Counsellor and Sister Mabel Donly as Secretary.

Sister Mercia Tewson has now been sustained as the President of the Y.W.M.I.A. with Sister Maisie Ninow and Sister Hope de Witt as her counsellors.

The Tex and Kitty Smith home was the venue of another Home Evening in aid of the Building Fund and a large crowd of over 45 people almost burst the walls, but as usual nothing daunted Sister Kitty and the party enjoyed an excellent Talent Night.

All their friends were pleased to greet Elders Robinson and Russell, but sorry that this was their farewell visit as they are en route for Rhodesia and thence home to the "good old U.S.A."

Roy Rutherford's friends were shocked to hear of Roy's motor-cycle accident and his stay in hospital but are relieved to see him up and about so soon.

Heartly congratulations to Sister Maisie Ninow and Mr. Walter Pugh who have announced their engagement. All the members wish them every happiness.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Branch President: I. C. Louw, P.O. Box 1, Daggafontein, Tvl.

Reported by Mavis Louw

One of the highlights of this month was undoubtedly the Hamburger Night that was sponsored by the missionaries or the Transvaal at Springs on May 30. The crowds that turned up were just wonderful. Ramah, Krugersdorp and Florida were all represented. We certainly appreciated the efforts of our local missionaries to get the show up. The entertainment, after all the eats were sold, was very much enjoyed. The building committee certainly smiled at the big attendance, of course thinking of the amount that was going into the fund towards the new chapel. We wish to extend a big hand to all who helped to make the occasion a success.

On June 4 we were privileged to have Brother Deryck Vice and his wife Ria visit us. Brother Deryck delivered his usual outstanding talk. We hope that they enjoyed their visit with us as we enjoyed having them in Springs.

Our sincere sympathies to Brother Louis Duncan on the death of his mother who passed away at Brakpan this month. Also to his father, Brother John Duncan.

We are sorry to report that Sister Mary Phillips has been confined to her bed with a severe attack of influenza. She is recovering now. As we are going to the post, word has been received that young Genevieve Futter, daughter of Brother and Sister Reaford Futter, is seriously ill with pleurisy and pneumonia. The Elders have been called to administer to her. We pray that the Lord will bless these young sisters and restore their health.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Branch President: John Troskie, 15, Harley Chambers, Andries Street, Pretoria, Tvl.

Reported by Winifred M. Cooksley.

Congratulations to Sister Smith of Pretoria West on the eightieth anniversary of her birthday. Daughter and son-in-law, Brother and Sister Norman Muir, grand-daughters and great-grand-daughter came over to spend the day with Sister Smith. A few members of the Pretoria Branch also went out to wish our dear sister many happy returns of the day.

The Sunday School held a "Weiner Roast" at the residence of Brother and Sister O. Cowdrey. A grand fire, plenty of fine eats and drinks were the order of the night. Fun and games were very much enjoyed by all members and friends who attended the evening's entertainment.

Brother and Sister Muir both gave very fine talks at the evening service on Sunday, June 11. It is always a pleasure to have Brother and Sister Muir visit us from Ramah.

NORTH WESTERN BRANCH

Branch President: William H. Brummer, 37, Alberts Road, Newlands, Johannesburg, Tvl.

Reported by Janetta E. S. Brummer

Sister Aletta J. Brummer was set apart as representative of the Genealogical Society. May God bless her in this calling.

First Counsellor in the District Presidency, Brother Deryk Vice, and his wife and mother, gave us a visit. Brother Deryck gave us a very inspiring and encouraging talk.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Sister Aletta J. Brummer and family of Linden on the death of her mother on June 17.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

Branch President: David Banfield, 54, Kingdon Ave., District Township, Krugersdorp, Tvl.

Reported by Elder Mauray Payne

With the appointment of Brother Deryck Vice to the District Presidency, the Krugersdorp Sunday School Organization was re-organised. Sister Ria Vice was sustained as the Superintendent with Sister Elaine Banfield as first counsellor and Sister Trudy Fouche as second. Sister Norma Ninow Perry was sustained as Sunday School secretary.

Also Sister Alma Schroeder was appointed Genealogical Supervisor of the Branch.

Lately it seems that attendance is picking up at the regular meetings of the Church in Krugersdorp as several of the members are becoming more active.

NATAL DISTRICT

Natal District and Durban Branch President: Elder Morris Patrick, 262, Ridge Road, Durban, Natal.

DURBAN BRANCH

Reported by Valerie Hancock

This month was started off joyously with the blessing of the infant son of Brother and Sister Louis Duncan.

Fireside Chats have been started in Durban. A group of members and friends gather together each Wednesday night at the home of a member or friend, and have a discussion of the Gospel. At the moment, the book we are discussing is "The Articles of Faith." A great deal of enjoyment is obtained from these social gatherings, and we are benefitting from the knowledge gained. A committee has been formed with Dr. John Bennie as Chairman, and our two new members, Brother Vic Henning and Sister Helen Gordon, as his counsellors. It might be mentioned that a collection is taken at each meeting, proceeds of which go to our Building or Delegate Fund.

Sunday morning, June 18, was bright and sunny—a perfect Sabbath morning. Especially perfect because six new members were baptised. They were Mr. and Mrs. John Burden, Mrs. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Henning, and Mrs. Helen Gordon. Baptismal services are always beautiful, and this certainly was no exception. During the Sunday Morning service they were all confirmed and they requested that the Girl's Chorus sing "Oh My Father." They sang this beautiful Latter-day Saint hymn and so brought the perfect Sunday Morning to a perfect close.

We are very happy this month to report that Sister C. M. Hancock is out of hospital and is staying with her son and daughter-in-law, the Harry Hancocks. Sister Hancock is thrilled and happy to be out of hospital again. We certainly are looking forward to having her in our midst at our services soon.

At a recent Fast and Testimony meeting, one of the younger sisters in our Junior Sunday School was heard to bear the following testimony: "Thank you, dear God, for the parents which have been bestowed upon me during the past few months."

Well, although the words might sound a little confused, she has the right idea—and that is to thank God for all she has, and it certainly does us a lot of good to realize that children as young as this little lady do know that the Lord is the person who gives us all we hold most dear. Perhaps, too, this may serve as an example and reminder for the older members of our Branch to thank the Lord more often for their blessings.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Branch President: Elder J. Dale Reed, 52, Frere Road, Vincent, East London, C.P.

Reported by Theodora Booyen

On holiday from Cape Town were Brother Edwin Jakins and Sisters Bibb and Petersen. We were happy to have them with us for the short while they were in East London.

Everybody here as extremely glad to see Elder Robinson again when he passed through on his way to Durban and then home. His vivacious personality and friendly ways brightened things up considerably.

On June 22 we had a branch social at the home of Sister McCallum and celebrated Elder Heilbut's birthday at the same time. It was an enormous success and everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly. I am sure that Elder Heilbut will not easily forget his 20th Birthday Party, nor the beautiful birthday cake Sister Tol baked for him.

To our great joy Brother C. Krull and his wife accepted the principles of the Gospel and were baptised last month. May God bless them with strength and guidance in their new resolutions.

Our Branch Sunday School Superintendent, Elder P. Heilbut, and his two counsellors, Brother M. Jubber and Sister M. McCallum, were released with a vote of appreciation following a decision by the Branch Presidency. Brother M. Tol is to be our new Superintendent with Sister McCallum and Brother Krull his two counsellors. May the choicest blessings of the Lord be with them in their good work.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Branch President: Elder George Quick, 15 Heath Street, Sydenham, Port Elizabeth, C.P.

Reported by Theresa Trollip

On June 10, the Relief Society sponsored a social at the home of Brother and Sister Trollip. It was a surprise to have Elder Dalton present who rendered an item on the programme which was very enjoyable. The evening was spent with pleasant games and community singing; the refreshments were supplied by the Relief Society and Priesthood.

Brother Clarence Doller has been released of his office as first Counsellor in the Sunday School and was replaced by Brother Havelock Trollip.

Among the visitors to Port Elizabeth were Elders Russell and Horne who were passing through on their way to Durban.

We are sorry to report that Brother Wensel Everton has been transferred to Commedagga. We hope that he will be happy there.

On June 30, the Relief society held a street sale in Mutual Arcade which was very successful. Special thanks to all those who help to make it a success.